



Mullen Fire Daily Update

Monday, October 5, 2020: 9:00 am

Fire Facts

Location

38 miles west of Laramie, Wyoming

Fire size today: 151,711 Per IR flight 10- 4 8 p.m.

Fire start date: September 17, 2020

Cause: Under investigation

Call Laramie Ranger District anonymous tip line 307-745-2392 with information that may aid in the fire investigation.

Containment: 14%

Resources: 1095 firefighters total

Mandatory Evacuations:

Multiple evacuations and pre-evacuations are in place. See the Albany County Sheriff's Office (WY) and Jackson County Sheriff's Office (CO) Facebook pages and Larimer County (CO) website for the current list.

<https://www.facebook.com/Albany-County-Sheriffs-Office-618424944997540>

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountySheriffOffice>

<https://www.larimer.org/emergency/emergency-information>

Forest and County Restrictions

Stage 2 Fire Restrictions in Effect for the Fire Area

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd786902.pdf

Albany County:

<https://www.co.albany.wy.us/247/Fire-Restrictions>

Temporary Flight Restriction A Mullen

Fire Temporary Flight Restriction – issued October 1:

https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_0_6107.html

Management

Rocky Mountain Type 2 Blue Team

Virtual Community Q&A TODAY at 5 p.m.

The meeting will be livestreamed on the Mullen Fire Information page (<https://www.facebook.com/MullenFire>)

Summary

Fire managers measured increased containment at 14% and continued aggressive firing operations to secure lines in several locations, including the northwest, northcentral and southeast areas of the fire. On north/northwest corner, crews worked to tie in lines to the 500 road north of the Savage Run Wilderness to keep the fire south of the road. Along the north central flank, the multi-day firing neared completion along the 542 road. They also tied into the Keystone Fire scar, and worked in front of the fire in the Rob Roy and Cinnabar Park areas. Thick smoke from these multiple operations was carried into to Laramie by the robust west wind. The volume of smoke from the northwest reflected the area's fuel density.

To the southeast, aerial ignitions took place between the fire's edge between Miller's Lake and the Pelton Creek area to protect Woods Landing, increase line depth, and contain potential long range spotting across WY230. Structure protection in the communities to the west of WY230 is ongoing in preparation for offensive firing. Smoke eventually grounded air operations.

Today, crews will scout opportunities to establish indirect lines along the northern flank, and complete the Rob Roy-area firing operations, and continue holding line, patrolling and mop up to the south of Albany and in the WY230 corridor. Structure protection crews will begin assessing Ryan Park and Centennial. Smoke may impact support from air operations.

Fire Conditions and Weather

Poor overnight humidity recover, the onset of a drying trend, and northwest winds gusting to 35mph prompted a Red Flag warning from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Winds will be westerly to start the day and transition west/northwest by 10 a.m. with a weak front. Warmer and drier weather is expected.

Road and Forest Closures

Road status can change quickly in response to fire conditions. Colorado Hwy127 and Wyoming Hwy230 on the west side of the fire is now open. For the most current information on Wyoming and Colorado road closures, please see <https://www.wyroad.info/pls/Browse/WRR.STATIC5?SelectedDistrict=1> and <https://cotrip.org/travelAlerts.htm#?roadId=> No estimate is available about reopening these roads.

A Forest area closure is in effect surrounding the Mullen Fire for public safety. See the new Forest Closure Orders for Medicine-Bow Route NF <https://tinyurl.com/y4gb8bqs> and Arapaho Roosevelt NF <https://tinyurl.com/y2e3qn3y> For BLM Emergency Area Closure for areas near the fire, see Closures on <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7208/>

Fire information: Hours 8am – 9pm Public Line: 307-745-2378 Media Line: 307-461-9456

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Mullen Fire Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7208>

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